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SUBJECT: SEATO: FY74 CIVIL AND MPO BUDGETS AND PROPOSED
CONTRIBUTION

FORMULAS

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REF: A. BANGKOK 8520 B. STATE 115575

1. INFORMATION COTGAINED REFTEL B CONVEYED TO SEATO AT JUNE 19 PWG
MEETING. US MEMBER STRESSED NEED, IN LIGHT SENATE' S ANTI- SEATO
ATTITUDE, TO HOLD USG OUTLAY FOR SUPPORT OF SEATO IN FY74 TO NO
MORE THAN FY73. ALTHOUGH NEW ZEALAND, THAILAND AND UK COULD
APPROVE
PROPOSED CONTRIBUTION FORMUAL FOR FY74 CIVIL BUDGET, ALL MEMBERS
AND
SEATO SECRETARIAT WERE UNDERSTANDING OF US POSITION.

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2. IN ORDER MEET US POSITION, SECRETARIAT HAS PROPOSED FOLLOWING SOLUTION FOR FY74 CIVIL AND MPO BUDGETS:

A. SETTING GROSS FY74 CIVIL AND MPO BUDGETS AT \$1,463,057 AND \$252,325, RESPECTIVELY. DEDUCTING ESTIMATED MISCELLANEOUS INCOME OF \$19,150 FROM FY74 CIVIL BUDGET AND \$8,300 FROM FY74 MPO BUDGET RESULTS IN BALANCE PAYABLE BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IDENTICAL TO THOSE FOR FY73, I. E. \$1,443,907 FOR CIVIL BUDGET AND \$244,025 FOR MPO BUDGET.

B. ASSESSING MEMBER GOVERNMENTS THE SAME AMOUNTS AS FOR FY73. FOR THE US, THIS MEANS \$360,976.74 TOWARD FY74 CIVIL BUDGET AND \$61,006.24 TOWARD FY74 MPO BUDGET. US ASSESSMENT TOWARD CIVIL BUDGET WOULD BE REDUCED BY OUR SHARE OF FY72 BUDGET SURPLUS, OR \$31,810.93, AND SALARY CREDIT FOR USE PERSONNEL ON CIVIL STAFF DURING FY73 WHICH WILL APPROXIMATE \$57,450. US ASSESSMENT TOWARD MPO BUDGET WOULD BE REDUCED BY 25 PERCENT SHARE OF FY73 MPO BUDGET SURPLUS WHICH AT THIS TIME IS EXPECTED TO TOTAL SOME \$34,500.

C. DEFERRING MATTER OF ACTUAL NEW CONTRIBUTION FORMUAL PENDING OUTCOME OF SEATO REVIEW, AFTER WHICH TIME BUDGETS WOULD BE SUBJECTED TO FURTHER SCRUTINY.

3. SHORTFALLS IN FY74 BUDGETS DUE TO PAKISTANI AND FRENCH DECISIONS WILL BE OFFSET BY CUSTOMARY SAVINGS IN FY74 BUDGETS AND NECESSARY CUTS IN SEATO ACTIVITIES AS FY74 PROGRESSES.

4. SEATO HAS ASKED THAT DEPARTMENT BE REQUESTED TO CONTINUE ESTABLISHED PRACTICES OF MAKING INITIAL \$150,000 PAYMENT EARLY IN JULY 1973 TOWARD SEATO ACCOUNT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: STATE AND DOD AUTHORIZATION FOR US ACTING COUNCIL REP TO CONVEY APPROVAL SECRETARIAT'S PROPOSAL RE FY74 CIVIL AND MPO BUDGETS PRIOR TO NEXT COUNCIL REPS MEETING JUNE 29. MASTERS

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